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Dear Sir,
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A bronze group depicting Councillors along with Chief Officers, hanging their heads in shame at the 6 years residents have had to put up with the ex-Avenue School derelict site as a Town centre "Showpiece", not to mention the 6 years of lost revenue such a site should have brought to the local economy. The second work could be placed in the proposed town park. An abstract piece showing District, Town and County Councils, each pulling in a different direction - each with a different agenda. I realise of course, such decisions cannot be taken hastily and I look forward to seeing proposals for the above works, in or around the year 2003, give or take a few years.
Yours faithfully, a victim of bureaucracy,
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I had the shock of my life on when I received my Community Charge bill. I have just moved from Darlington to Newton Aycliffe and I am shocked and stunned that Aycliffe's Council Tax is higher than Darlington's! Aycliffe is a smaller community with very limited amenities, so come on Sedgfield Borough Council, wake up!
I think £63.00 a month for a Band A house in Aycliffe compared with a £44.00 a month for the same in Darlington is outrageous, and some changes need making immediately.

It wouldn't be so bad if we had the same amenities as Darlington, such as a cinema, theatre, proper shops and we win prizes for the best floral town, but we haven't and have not!
Please could you explain why there is a greater difference?
A very angry resident

ED: Perhaps Councillors would like to respond to this and other letters received, which are all demanding some explanation?

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STUDENTS LOOK AT LIFE IN THE ARMY

Last weekend 16 young catering students spent time as guests of
the Territorial Army when they visited 201 (Northern) Field
Hospital (Volunteers) to see just how it is in today's TA.

Accompanied by their Collie Lecturers, Jim Harker and Donna
Joyce, who themselves are going to enlist, they joined in with a
Leadership and Military Skills training session along with other
members of the unit.

They attended lessons in Health and First Aid, Map Reading and
Radio Procedures as well as donning the type of protective clothing
and respirators used in Chemical warfare. They also underwent
'Command Tasks', a period where seemingly impossible tasks
are sorted out in no time flat.

As Jim said, "I see the TA as a good way of further extending my
students in life skills as well as letting them put into practice what
we teach them at College. Also it's a good way for them to see a
bit of the world and earn some welcome extra cash."

So far it seems that at least four of the students have decided that
life in the TA is just right for them and they are to enlist as soon as
possible.



Letter to the Editor IS AYCLIFFE A CONCRETE JUNGLE?

Dear Sir,
I am writing with regard to the
state of Newton Aycliffe and
how it has become a concrete
jungle over the years. I feel
very saddened as more and

more land is being bulldozed
up to make way for more and
more housing estates, and
private ones at that!
Before long there is going to
be nowhere to walk my dog,
or anywhere for my children
to play. Trees are being ripped
out to make way for roads
through these developments at
great cost to the environment
and the wildlife in the region.
I wonder how many of Newton
News readers agree with me.
Yours faithfully
C. Parker.

Beware of Garden Thieves

Pensioners in Oakfield
recently received a model
wooden green parrot from
their daughter in Australia.
The parrot which fluttered in
the wind, was fixed to the
garden shed and the couple
often watched it to remind
them of their loved one so far
away.

Readers can imagine the upset
and disgust when the couple
looked into their garden to find
it had been stolen!

The cost of the parrot isn't
much, but the sentimental
value is great and the
pensioners appeal to the thief
to return it to their garden at
24 Oakfield.

B.B. TABLE TOP SALE

The Boys Brigade is holding a
table top sale on Saturday
March 28 from 10 a.m. Tables
can be reserved for only £5
payable in advance. Ring
Aycliffe 320876. Just a few
tables left so don't miss out!
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cake stall. Note the date and
come along pick up a bargain
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greatly appreciated.

Football

Fox & Hounds 5
Huntsman 2

in association with J&C
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Huntsmans title aspirations
have been crushed, writes
Martin Walker.

Victory would have set up
an almighty showdown
with neighbours and now
no-longer rivals British
Legion.

The Legion can, if they so
please, walk away with the
title in their grasp,
Huntsman have only one
leg to stand on and that is
the hope of the Legion
losing a game.

Huntsman, to be fair, were
a tad unlucky. They hit the
woodwork twice in the
second half, when it was 1-
1 and once in the first half,
when it was 0-0.

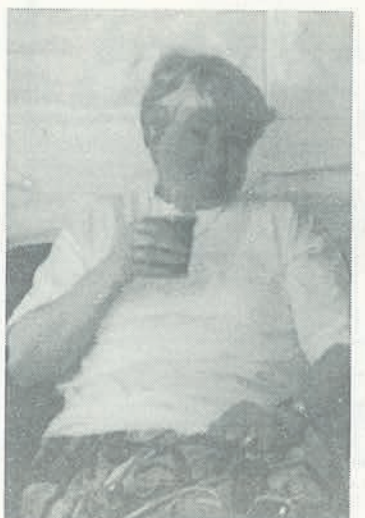
But the Fax had what it took
... Huntsman didn't.

Golden opportunities were
scorned by the visitors -
they were gobbled up by the
home side. Goalscoring
was, indeed, the key and
Shildon side unlocked, it
seemed with ease,
Huntsman's defence.

Huntsman's midfield was
nonexistent, but for MOM
Dave Briddick - he played
OK.

The attack was adequate in
the first half - shoddy in the
second. They rarely
threatened but really, it was
never gonna be their day.

Slimming Success



When Brenda Ellis had a hysterectomy her husband was
would have a "new" wife afterwards, it did not happen!
In 1997 Brenda one Thursday night at 7.30pm went to
Slimming World class at St Clares Church hall. If she
truth, she was not really going for herself, but to support
friend after all she was on hormone replacement and ev-
told her "you put on weight with this", not lose it.
However as the weeks progressed and so too did the wei-
Brenda thought, I can do this. It wasn't plain sailing all t-
but her consultant Debbie Wilson was determined that sh-
reach her target for Christmas as that is what Brenda w-
her best ever present. And she did it with only days to sp-
Brenda, grandmother of five, after losing 2 stone had re-
chosen target. She was delighted and so too was her h-
who works away and only sees his wife once a month.
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time Brenda reached target he could not believe his ey-
wife he hoped would return after the operation now had
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its possible) more beautiful to look at! As a special treat h-
his wife a very special outfit but one which only he could
eyes upon!

If you are wondering how the "friend" did at Slimming
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New Scheme to help Mentally Disordered Offenders

A new service is being launched in the South of County Durham to help people with mental health problems who are involved in the Criminal Justice System.

Launched by County Durham Health Authority and County Durham Darlington Borough Council Social Services Departments, in partnership with South Durham NHS Trust, the scheme will be launched in March.

The aim of the scheme is to identify mental illness or mental health problems at the earliest point within the criminal justice system and to improve communication between health, social services and the Criminal Justice agencies.

Discussions are already under way with all the Criminal Justice agencies about raising awareness about Mental Illness.

Following a referral from any of the agencies an initial assessment will be undertaken by an experienced Mental Health Nurse. A more in-depth assessment may follow and short term psychological treatment or referral to a Psychiatrist could be offered. With an individual's consent, the assessment report may be shared with the prosecution and defence prior to a Court hearing.

Participation in the scheme is entirely voluntary.

The scheme has been extended as a result of a successful pilot project in Newton Aycliffe where a Community Mental Health Liaison offers a liaison service to Police Custody, associated Courts and the Probation Services in Newton Aycliffe, Bishop Auckland and Darlington.


John Stoddart, Director of Operations for South Durham NHS said, "The scheme aims to overcome the disadvantage which mentally disordered offenders may experience and to help them through the Criminal Justice process. The service fulfils the recommendations of the Reed Report which highlighted that mentally disordered offenders can miss out on the care they need".

Coming into post in October the Criminal Justice Liaison has received one hundred and twenty nine referrals.

Easton, Director of Commissioning at County Durham Health Authority said, "The Number of people suffering from mental health problems is increasing and unlike a physical illness it is always something we can see. We welcome this innovative scheme aimed at helping this vulnerable group of people".

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HEIGHINGTON 5 - A - SIDE JUNIORS SECURE LEAGUE TITLE



Pictured above are the Heighington Wanderers under 11's 5-a-side football team.
Back row (l to r): Andrew Richardson, Mattie Laverick-Elliott, Andy Odle (coach), Kyle Allen, Michael Rippon and Lewis Petterson.
Front row (l to r): Andrew Caldwell, David Charlesworth and David Turgoose.
Last week, they clinched the Saturday morning league title at the Oakleaf Sports Centre in a competition running since last September sponsored by Alexander-le-Skerne. Overall the team played 22 games during the season, winning 17 and drawing the other 5, the only unbeaten team in the league.

SUPPORT WANTED FOR A BOROUGH SPRING CLEAN

Sedgefield Borough Council enlisted the support of Sunderland striker, Niall Quinn and children foxing Sedgefield County Primary School to promote a campaign to spring clean Sedgefield Borough, with a litter pick in Sedgefield Village.

The Borough Council is participating in the National Spring Clean, an annual event, organised by the Tidy Britain Group. This year, the campaign will run throughout the month of April.

Local schools, businesses and organisations have been invited to join the campaign. Already around 40 have signed up, and it is still not too late to join in.

Anyone who would like to be part of the Campaign, which also involves a National Litter Relay, from John O'Groats to Dover, on Sunday, 19th April, should contact Phil Broomhead, Principal Engineer on (01388) 816166 as soon as possible.

Commenting on the project, Councillor Terry Ward, Chairman of Sedgefield Borough Council, Development Committee said, "This is an excellent opportunity for the Borough Council to join with local groups to improve the environment. I hope that good links forged with schools and businesses will continue after the end of the Campaign".

Bowls Youngster on National Trial

One of the clubs younger members have been called for an England trial, 18 year old Scott Moland who plays both indoor and outdoor will attend the trials in the summer.

Scott has been a County Player for two years and is under 25 County Mens and Northern Counties Champion. Well done Scott.

The Jet's team played Bishop Auckland picking up one point out of five.

The Ladies played Hartlepool gaining seven points out of ten in their last game of the season.

Forthcoming dates are two men's matches against South Shields on 29th March and Houghton on 5th April with the AGM on Wednesday 15th April.

Milk in Schools

Tony Moore has received a letter of congratulations from the National Dairy Council for his campaign to bring milk back into Junior School classrooms.

They have supplied facts and figures to prove how vital milk is to the development of children, bringing a rich source of calcium to produce healthy bones.

60% of the calcium we get from our diet comes from milk products and it is causing some concern that in the 70's milk accounted for 65% of drinks consumed in school and now is only 20%.



Will Labour Councillors Condemn Their Own Party?

Dear Sir
I have received my Council Tax bill for the coming year and would like to ask Councillor John Clare who seems to be the spokesman for the Town Council, two questions:
1 - Why 10% increase when inflation is 3%?
2 - I ask about the £30,000 for 2 toilets. Please may I have a breakdown of the costs.
Roads - are in a bad state outlined by all the white paint markings.
Police - I can't remember when I saw a policeman around Neville Parade.
Road Sweeping - It is more than a month since I saw a cleaner
Grass Cutting - Yes the grass is cut, but left on paths for people to slip on.
Recreation - One of the centres is bus ride away for the elderly
Libraries - They don't come much smaller than Aycliffe's
Services - Rubbish bins emptied only if put out the front of houses.

Tell me what benefits the OAP's receive. The outing; not all can go because of health; Home help and Meals on Wheels is more expensive.
In previous years the Labour Councils have blamed the Government, if they do that this time they will condemn their own party. I have not seen any savings by our Council.
A. Elgie
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Children in the Newton Aycliffe area may have had a surprise when they collected their school meal over the last few weeks. Chartwells, a major National Catering Company with offices in Aycliffe cater for schools in this area have been running a star day promotion where pupils could win a prize if they picked up a "star" winning tray. Here are some children at St Francis C.E. Juniors with Headteacher Mrs Gleghorn and Chartwell's representatives Hilary Marsden and Freda Stoker, with their prizes which they received at the Weekly Awards Assembly held in the school. Children in the photograph are: Carolanne Hutchinson, Michelle Glennie, Sean Elliot, Laura Elliot, Leanne Bell

Letter to the Editor I Will Call for Abolition of Town Council

Dear Sir
As a member of Aycliffe Town Council, I am calling for its abolition. I am furious that the spending estimates for this year will be £1,076,700, included £56,000 for 50th Anniversary Celebrations and £10,000 for hospitality.

The Local Government Minister Hillary Armstrong, has the power to cap District and County Councils. The Government has no power to cap Parish Councils and that is effectively all that Great Aycliffe Town Council is. Its powers are no greater than a Village Parish Council, yet it has a Chief Executive and a Director of Cemeteries and Recreation. Many of these functions could be duplicated by Sedgefield Borough Council. They already run an excellent Sports Centre in Aycliffe Town Centre. The town should be split into four or five smaller Parishes. This would increase the chances of grass roots democracy which is what Parish Councils should be all about.

Newton Aycliffe has a population of 28000, yet its Council has no more powers than that of a small village. It does, however, have a considerably larger budget. Great Aycliffe Town Council has both its own municipal Golf Course and Driving Range, at an estimated cost to Council Tax Payers of £70,000 in the next financial year. Including £24,000 in retainers and commissions to the golf professional.

I would argue that the cost of running the Golf Club and Driving Range should not come out of the Council Tax Payers bill. The people of Aycliffe are already paying Council Tax to the District and County Councils as well as the Town Council. It would be better to hand the Golf Club over to members at a peppercorn rent and they could pay the running costs for the club. Last year I criticised Labour Councillors for travelling first class on trains. It is refreshing to learn the expenses are at least being trimmed down. However, I believe people sitting on parish Councils should do so for the good of the community and not for any financial

recompense.

I am quite willing to have public debate with the Leader of the controlling Labour Group of the Town Council, Councillor Bob Fleming, who is also a Sedgefield Borough and County Councillor. Yours faithfully
Cllr. Tony Moore

Special Services for Mothers' Day

There will be special services at Burnhill Way Methodist Church on Sunday 22nd March. In the morning at 10.45am there is to be special worship for MOTHERING SUNDAY for all the family, suitable for all ages from the youngest to the oldest, which will also include infant baptism. Following the demolition of the derelict Boys' Club and the completion of the building works on the Church, in the

afternoon of the 22nd invite the community to and share with us in celebrations of the beginning of a new phase in the life of the Church and its service to the community. At 4.30pm there will be a service during which people will be invited to make financial contributions towards the ongoing work of the Church and this will be followed at 6pm by a service of Praise made up of old and new requested songs and hymns. Anyone and everyone in the local community is invited to share in any or all of these events. You can be sure of a very warm welcome if

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Newton Aycliffe 20
Shildon 7

Aycliffe gained their first league win of the season over old rivals Shildon. After last weekend Aycliffe managed to field 14 players and albeit still a man short the home side did themselves proud.

The omens were not good, however, before kickoff. Stuie McLean went to loose head prep for the first time in his career and Peter Sheen and Bob Malvern both took to the field carrying injuries. Nonetheless everyone was determined to put last week behind them and to get back to winning ways.

Aycliffe were brilliant from the first whistle. Shildon played to form in the early minutes by running directly at Aycliffe, trying to battle their way to the line. Their attempts to intimidate failed miserably.

Aycliffe were soon dominating the game as the front five got tight to provide a solid scrumming platform.

The forwards also dominated the line out with Kevin Greathead taking everything at number two in open play, again the forwards rucked with vigour. The back row revelled as they received good ball and Darryl Pettit and young Woode, supported by poorly Bow-Wow were strong running to cross the gain line and even stronger in

the tackle. The effect of all this was that Shildon players for more and more rattled causing them to lose discipline. By contrast, Aycliffe got tighter in the scrum where they began to push Shildon off their own ball. Discipline among the Aycliffe players was excellent. It was no surprise that flankers Paul House scored a try under the posts after linking with TJ Cooper (now engaged full-time).

A further brilliant try was scored by No 8 Greathead, Darryl Pettit converted the two tries and kicked two penalties. Charlie Heslop had his dummy returned.

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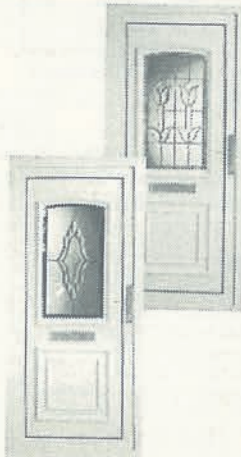
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Polam Hall will be awash with gangsters and flappers in March when the school put on a performance of *Guys and Dolls* with a difference. With all the parts played by girls from the school the production has been nicknamed "Dolls and Dolls". Prohibition will still be enforced for the school's annual production that runs for three performances from 12th to 14th March 1998 that will see a resurgence in Trolley hats, Tommy guns and for this production especially, drawn on moustaches! The story, set between the wars in New York, centres on the scheming of small time gangster Nathan Detroit, played by Leanne Davis, and his attempts to find a joint to hold his crap games and to keep the peace with his long time fiancée Miss Adelaide (Catherine France.) The 70 strong acting and production teams have worked overtime to create an amazing exotic dancing scene in a New York night-club and have given a Latin American feel to the scenes in Havana. David Coates from Polam Hall said, "We always like a challenge when it comes to our annual production and trying to put on a performance of *Guys and Dolls* with just the dolls has been enjoyable, but very challenging. Everybody involved from the actors to the set designers and musical directors have worked immeasurably hard to bring the feel of 1920's New York to Polam Hall School."



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Unemployed youngsters need two helping hands, one from employers and one from the Government to get a job; that was the message from the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon Tony Blair, MP to a gathering of employers in his Sedgefield constituency last week.

Speaking to a group of one 125 local employers at a New Deal event organised by the Employment Service in Trimdon, Mr Blair said "If every employer here tonight could help just one young person who is stuck on the dole, unable to find their own way into work, what a difference we could make together for our community."

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Free Advice Given at the Silverdale Community Centre

Silverdale Community House, 9-10 Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe (in conjunction with Bishop Auckland College) are holding a free, confidential impartial advice sessions, offering guidance on careers, training and volunteering on Wednesday 18th

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Table Top SALE

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In 1996-97 Durham County members attended 213 Conferences, Board meetings etc, charging County ratepayers £63,285.27p. One County Councillor claimed £1,158,97p for 3 days away. In Sedgfield electoral area, eight County Members attended 69 conference-meetings costing £22,228.55p. One such Member went to 40 of those conference-meetings, at a cost of £10,380,92p. Three Aycliffe County councillors claimed a total of £1,172,73p for attending conferences in 1996-97. Sedgfield Borough Labour members attended Conferences at a cost of £11,590,97p in 1995-96. Aycliffe Town Council Labour members claimed £2,976,93p for Conference expenses in 1995-96. Total cost, outlined above £77,852,97p - a significant sum? Expended in silence? No blazing publicity? No sparkling soundbite on 'Good Value' for Ratepayers money'. Conference attendances are organised at County and Borough by Controlling Groups. Why not publish names, expenses, venues, in a listed 'Conference Report' to Council? Information I obtain is by 'Member Request', exercising a 'Right to Know'. It has never been offered to me without my request. If attending such Conference meetings is 'Good Value for Money' as I am told it is! Why not inform residents openly, with accounts given of the benefits to the Public? Why not acknowledge members giving their personal time in that public service and give credit where it is due? I believe acknowledgement is due, and am writing to our M.P. the Prime Minister, requesting consideration for it to be written into Councillor accountability to the Electors. Do the paying public deserve any less in publicised accounts of their hard-working, dedicated, Council representative's endeavours?
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LYNN RACE To my darling
wife, thank you for a beautiful
baby boy "Bradley Carl", born
25-2-98, 7lbs 2oz, love you
both always, Jeff XX
TO MUMMY and Daddy,
thank you for a beautiful baby
brother, "Bradley Carl", love
always Katie XX
RACE Thank you Lynn and
Jeff for our 1st grandson,
"Bradley Carl" born 25-2-98.
Lots of love Mam and Dad (E)
DIL EVANS, Mrs M Smith
(Doreen's sister) and families
wish to thank neighbours,
friends and all who attended
the thanksgiving service for
Doreen's life. Special thanks to
Rev. G. Spencer, Rev. P. Cook
and Mrs. Jessie Musgrave
(organist)
COUSINS Anthony and
Angela would like to thank all
family and friends for the gifts
received on their wedding day
ANNA McCORMICK would
like to thank everyone for all
the lovely cards and presents
she received for her 5th
birthday and for making her
disco really special
DONNA Thanks for a
wonderful six months, always
Mark XXX
GRAHAM Rhoda and Syd
would like to thank all family
and friends for the lovely cards
and gifts they received on their
golden wedding anniversary.
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Robert, dear mother of Nigel,
Lee and Philip, much loved
grandmother of Matthew,
Christopher and Sarah. Sadly
missed by all the family and
many friends. Funeral Monday
16th March, would friends
kindly meet for service at St
Clares Church at 11am
followed by cremation at
Darlington Crematorium,
11.45am. Floral tributes if so
desired may be sent to Bryan
A. Shepherd Funeral Service,
330 North Road, Darlington
Tel 464199

FOULKES, Newton Aycliffe,
March 10th (suddenly), aged
83 years. Dearly loved wife of
the late Fred. Much loved mum
to Glenda, dear Nana to Lisa
and Clare. Private reception
into church on Sunday. Would
friends kindly meet for funeral
service on Monday 16th March
in St Clares, 1.25pm followed
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FRANK REED March 17th
1996. Treasured memories of
a dearly loved husband, a very
special dad, granda and great
granda. Missed always by wife
Vera and family

ROSE DAVEY Died 18-3-96.
Always in our hearts you'll
stay. loved and remembered
every day. Husband Bob,
Rosemary and family

JEAN GRADY 14th March.
Treasured memories of a
loving wife and mother. God
took you away to ease your
pain, but the pain our hearts
still remain. Good times we
shared when you were there,
are nothing but memories that
we share. Three years have
passed since you went away.
If only God would have let you
stay. So till that day we meet
again, we will keep you in our
hearts till then. Thinking of you
always, Ian, Kim, Kelly & Lee
JEAN GRADY 14th March.
Gentle Jesus up above, please
give our nana a great big hug,
always in my dreams Aidan X
WAYNE FREER Died 11th
march 1997. Loved and missed
every day, Helen, Pete, Edward
JOHN ROBERT COOK
Died 19th March 1986. Never
more than a thought away,
loved and remembered every
day, dear wife and all the
family

BILLY DODD Died 8th
March 1985. In memory of a
very dear husband, love and
remembered always, loving
wife Olive
BILL YOUNG 12-3-93. In
loving memory of a wonderful
Dad, always in our hearts, Jean,
Jim and Grandson Andrew
BELL 15-3-97. Tommy one
year since you went away, time
slips by but memories stay,
your in our hearts and thoughts
always. Daughter Marion, son
Thomas, son-in-law Jim,
grandchildren and great
grandchildren

NANCY HODGSON 16-3-
97. Loving memories of a dear
mother, mother-in-law and
grandmother. You are always
in our thoughts, loved and so
sadly missed, Brian, Lynne and
Natalie
NANCY HODGSON Died
16th March 1997. No words
we write could ever reveal, our
love for you and how we feel,
to hear your voice to see your
smile, to sit and talk to you for
a while, as time goes by the
emptiness grows, we miss you
more than anyone knows, we
hide our tears as we speak your
name, and in our hearts you
will always remain. We love
and miss you always Mam,
loved always Margaret, Mick,
grandsons Spencer and Curtis

NEIL JOHNSON

Treasured memories of
our son "Neil" who would
have been 19 on 13th
March. May the winds
of love blow softly and
whisper for you to hear.
That we still love and
miss you and wish that
you were here.

God bless, Dad and Mam

Birthday
Remembrance

WENDY BOWTELL Loving
memories of a special friend on
your birthday and always, Kay
and Linda

TREVOR WILLIAMSON
16th March 1998. Your laugh,
your smile, we no longer see,
but in our hearts you will
always be. Loved and missed,
Sue, Darren, Vicky, Thomas,
Nic and Craig X

NEIL JOHNSON 13th
March. Those we love don't go
away, but walk beside us every
day, always in our hearts and
minds, loved and missed by
sister Lisa, brother-in-law Paul,
Nephew Joshua and niece Beth
NEIL JOHNSON Birthday
13th March. I can't give you a
hug, but you know we miss you
and love you as you were a
most special brother and
perfect uncle. Forever in our
daily thoughts, Sue, Jordon and
Kurtis

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kisses Mammy & Daddy

PAIGE BARRON 16th
March, Happy 1st birthday to
our darling granddaughter,
loads and loads of love and
kisses from Grandma and
Grandad Summerbell and
Uncle Mark

PAIGE BARRON 16th
March, happy 1st birthday
Paige, lots of love from Auntie
Marie, Uncle Darran, Victoria,
David and Lauren XXX

VICTORIA COULSON 16th
March. Teenager at last. Happy
birthday darling Victoria, lots
of love and kisses from
grandma and grandad
Summerbell and Uncle Mark

VICTORIA COULSON 16th
March, happy 13th birthday to
our darling daughter, have a
great day, lots of love and
kisses from Mam & Darran X

VICTORIA COULSON 16th
March, happy 13th birthday to
our darling daughter, have a
great day, lots of love and
kisses from Mam & Darran X

MARK WILLIAMS To our
special nephew Marky, happy
3rd birthday darling, lots of
hugs and kisses Auntie Joanne
and Uncle Andrew XX

WILLIAMS To our special
grandson, Mark, happy 3rd
birthday sweetheart, lots of
cuddles and kisses Grandma
and Grandad XX

MARK WILLIAMS 17-3-98.
Happy 3rd birthday to my
"little wild child" I love you
loads Marky babes, hugs and
kisses Mammy XX

GALLACHER - Richardson
best wishes on your wedding
day, 14-3-98, David and
Elaine, love auntie Sue, uncle
Don and family XX

RICHARDSON To Doreen
and Brian on your pearl
wedding anniversary, love and
best wishes from Christine, Pat
and family XX

KARIS MACKENZIE
Congratulations on your 13th
birthday with lots of love from
Mam, Graham and Abigail

WALKER Grandma and
Grandad congratulations on
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WALKER Mam and Dad,
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congratulations on your
wedding day, 14-3-98. David
and Elaine, lots of love Mam
and Dad XXX

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Every happiness on your
wedding day, 14-3-98 David
and Elaine, Love and best
wishes, Joanne & Martin X

GALLACHER - Richardson
To David and Elaine on your
wedding day, 14-3-98. Love
and best wishes for the future
love Nanna XX

RICHARDSON Doreen and
Brian, congratulations Mam
and Dad on your pearl wedding
anniversary, lots of love Elaine,
David and Ryan XX

NORTON Emily Jane, happy
1st birthday sweetheart, 12th
March. All our love Mammy,
Daddy and sister Katie XXX

NORTON Emily, happy 1st
birthday to a darling little girl
on Thursday 12th March, lots
of love and kisses Grandma,
Grandad, uncles Paul and John

ROBINSON Congratulations
Mam and Dad on your 40th
wedding anniversary, love
Barry, Audrey, Steph and
Michael

ROBINSON Congratulations
Mam and Dad on your 40th
wedding anniversary, 15th
March. Love Peter, Sharon and
Joanna

ROSE Happy birthday Joanna,
14th March, love Mam & Dad

EMMA PARKIN Happy 18th
birthday Emma on 17-3-98.
Love from Mum, Dad and Guy
RICHARDSON & Gallacher
congratulations Elaine and
David on your wedding day,
March 14th, from auntie Eileen
and uncle Ozie

RICHARDSON & Gallacher
congratulations Elaine and
David on your big day, 14th
March, love from Mam, Dad
and Deso

RICHARDSON & Gallacher
congratulations, 14th March,
Elaine and David, good luck
for the future, love from Brian,
Kelly and Connor

RICHARDSON & Gallacher
congratulations Elaine and
David on your wedding day,
14th March, from Michael and
Tracy

KAYLEIGH HARLE Happy
12th birthday (14th March) lots
of love Mam, Dad and Danielle
XXX

KAYLEIGH Happy birthday,
love Nanna, Grandad and uncle
John XXX

RACE Happy 6th birthday
Katie 13-3-98. Lots of love
Nanna and Grandad XX

KATIE RACE 13-3-98.
Happy 6th birthday to a special
little girl, lots of love Mummy
and Daddy XX

KATIE RACE 13-3-98. To a
special sister, happy 6th
birthday lots of love from
Bradley XX

GEMMA BRIGGS 15-3-98.
You are 2 today, happy
birthday, love Nanna, Grandad
and all the gang XXX

MACAULAY SHAW 14-3-
98. A big happy birthday to a
special little boy on your 2nd
birthday, love Mammy and
Daddy XX

MACAULAY SHAW 14-3-
98. Happy birthday, love
Stacey, Liam and baby Ryan
XXX

MACAULAY SHAW 14-3-
98. To our special little
hamster, love Nanna and
Grandad XX

MACAULAY SHAW 14-3-
98. A big happy birthday, love
Auntie Julie, Gary and your
little push over Charlotte XXX

AIREY & BELLINGHAM
Congratulations Joanne and
Jason on your wedding day,
March 14th, lots of love Tracey
and Eddie XX

Christopher
David Hancock

(12th March 1998)
GOTCHA

Happy 21st birthday,
love from - Guess who?

TURNER-PERKINS
Dominic 16-3-98. To a very
special boy who is 2 today, lots
of love Grandma, auntie Tania
and uncle Steve XXX

TURNER-PERKINS
Dominic 16-3-98. Happy 2nd
birthday to my little boy, all my
love Mammy XX

TURNER-PERKINS
Dominic 16-3-98. To my little
brother who is 2 today, love
you loads Georgia XX

JESSICA ROBERTS - a
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Rebecca

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RICHARDSON Mam and
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RICHARDSON Nana and
Granda lots of love on your
30th anniversary, love Connor

KIMBERLEY JACKSON
Happy 16th birthday love from
Tracey, Wendie, Sam, Tracey
and Fiona X

PATRICK Congratulations
Mam and Dad on your silver
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March, hope you enjoy your
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Under 14's Football

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The rest of the team have shown good maturity in terms of physique, skills and all round play to string together an unbeaten run to climb to second place in the league.

They are still in the League Cup at quarter final stage and have had good runs in the Durham and North Riding Cups before losing by the odd goal in both competitions, one in the last minute of extra time.

The next game is on Sunday 15th March v Clavering Park, 2pm KO at Greenfield Comprehensive School

Schoolboy International
England Under 15s
v Brazil U15s

The Youth Football Club have organised 3 coaches of players/parents to go to the Cellnet Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough on Tuesday 17th March to watch the above game and which should provide good entertainment. England will include two north east boys, Stuart Parnaby from Spennymoor and Ben Clarke from Consett and Brazil may have a young boy who will be another Pele or Juninho, who knows.

Coaches will leave the Navy Club at 5.40pm and pick up at Huntsman, Big Club and Neville Parade shops.

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